

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Henry Blanco White (Reg. No. 47,350) on August 20, 2008.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims: Claim 10 has been amended.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium having computer readable instructions stored thereon, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to instruct a computer to perform a method comprising:

detecting a data communication gap by a serializer not having a next packet for transmission;

generating a control data packet, the control data packet having information indicative of the status of data communication and the sequence of data communications;

communicating the control packet of data from a serializer to a deserializer over a data communications channel; and

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processing the control data packet by the deserializer to identify a data communication gap.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance or Examiner Amendment."

CONTACT INFORMATION

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Bharat Barot** whose Telephone Number is **(571) 272-3979**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Most facsimile-transmitted patent application related correspondence is required to be sent to the Central FAX Number **(571) 273-8300**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Saleh Najjar**, can be reached at **(571) 272-4006**.

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